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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Address :

Rank your soldiers name
Delta Co 1-187 3rd BCT 101ST
FOB Summerall
APO, AE 09349

March 15, 2006 2nd Deployment
Briefing at FRC at 6pm.

Message from Dragon 6

Hello again to the Dragon Company families. When I wrote to you last month, our company was destined for yet another change. We were requested to head back up north and guard a key piece of infrastructure. Currently we are positioned along the Tigris River guarding an Iraqi oil pipeline project until its completion. Let me elaborate a little bit.

At our current location, there are oil pipes that go under the water and across the river. The pipes run from Northern Iraq into Southern Iraq and connect at our position along the river. There is a civilian company who is doing the pipeline work, but as of recent attacks back in October, they have refused to work. That is where Dragon Company comes in. We have been securing this site since early November and conduct daily patrols inside and outside of the perimeter. Most everyone has probably already heard this much from your soldiers, but I wanted to tell you so there was nobody left out of the loop. Iraq is responsible for pumping 24% of the world's oil and 14% of Iraq's oil flows through the location we are currently securing. The math works out to be roughly 3% of the world's oil. I have been told that once these pipes are connected and operational, this location will be capable of pumping close to \$32 million per day.

Dragon Company has put its best foot forward and continues to perform security operations at our current location. As this project comes to a close we will again be tasked to conduct another mission. I do not know when that will be, but for now we are comfortable where we are at. As the movements have found us at different locations in Iraq over the past couple of months, we have adopted a little slogan: "There when you need us!" There will come a time when we are no longer needed where we are currently at, and when that time comes, we will be ready for any mission, anywhere.

On a side note, the mail system here is getting into full swing and the soldiers are receiving packages almost every other day. I encourage the continued support of the soldiers as it has been phenomenal thus far. I just want to stress that if you intend to mail your soldier Christmas packages, that you do so early. The mail system in the states will be getting overloaded and the sooner you can get your packages in the mail the better. I promise to watch over the soldiers and prohibit them from opening anything that is from Santa Claus before the holidays. Or at least stress to them my concern.

I wanted to close out by saying that although our company is separated by distance, through your continued interaction with your soldier and continued support, we are all brought a little closer. Thank you for everything you do and everything you continue to do.

-CPT Neil J. Myres-



FYI'S



We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year.

NEW ADDRESS

Our guys have a new address. The only part that has change is the FOB. The new FOB is Sumner.

NEXT FRG MEETING

The next FRG Meeting will be held on Monday January 9th at 5:30pm. We will be in the Dining Room at the FRC (inside gate one).

GET YOUR RAKKASAN GEAR NEW RAKKASAN GEAR!!!!

Available for purchase are hats and sweatshirts. Please see attached order form or the Rakkasan website for details.

We are doing final t-shirt order. We have attached the order form.

Yellow Ribbon Car Magnets: 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5.
Cookbooks are \$10.00.

You may purchase the cookbooks and magnets by sending a check made out to 1-187 BN FRG Fund to the following address:
Karla Ayala
4975 B Harrison Street
Fort Campbell, KY
42223

ROAD CONDITIONS

For road conditions on Ft Campbell you can call 798-Road or if you live on post this will be carried on channel 9.

Congratulations

SSG and Mrs. Hearn on the birth of their baby boy Gunner Bryson
5lbs 11 oz
19 inches long

SPC and Mrs. Keyton on the birth of their baby boy David Paul
7lbs 12 oz
22 inches long

SUPER SATURDAYS

The first Saturday of every month is known as super Saturday. You are entitled to 5 free hours at the Daycare center. In the month of December they are doing it on Dec 3, 10, and 17th. You need to be registered with CDC to use service.

HERE FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Your FRG Leaders and your POCs are here to help you through this deployment. Feel free to contact us with any problems or questions.

AIRLINE GATE PASSES

Once your soldier tells you what airline he is flying for midtour leave, you can go to that ticket counter and show your ID to get a pass to meet him at his gate.

CHECK YOUR LES TO ENSURE YOUR PAY IS CORRECT

Base Pay
BAH (Housing Allowance)
BAS (Food Allowance)
SavePay/HDP-L (Hazard Duty)
HFP/IDP (Hazard. Fire Pay)
FSA (Family Separation Pay)

If not correct, contact Rear-D at 798-5187

DIVISION CASUALTY POLICY

If you are watching TV and hear of something that has happened in the location of your soldier, you may go to the following website to find out information. <http://www.campbell.army.mil> and click on notification. It will tell you who, when, and how a casualty has occurred (24 hours after the next-of-kin have been notified). Each announcement will only be posted for a 24 hour period. To access this website, you must either be enrolled in DEERS (id card holders only) or have an AKO account (to set up an AKO account, go to <http://www.us.army.mil>).

Please Note: If your soldier is involved in a casualty, you will be informed in person by two military personnel. You will not find out any other way.

BATTALION EVENTS

Mark your calendar for March 15, 2006, May 23rd, and one in September for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Deployment Briefings.

Just a Heads Up: There will be a Rakkasan Family Weekend sometime in April. More details will follow.

EMAILS

If you are interested in being added to our email roster please email me at kosaya-las@hotmail.com



PFC Adam Omlor

Adam comes to us from Fostoria, OH where he was born and raised. He just celebrated his 23rd birthday last month, so Happy Belated Birthday. Adam came to the Rakkasans upon completion of Basic Training and AIT, and has been with Delta Company since June 15th. In the little time that Adam had to prepare for combat, he has shown and demonstrated his technical and tactical expertise leaps and bounds above his peers. Currently Adam is assigned to 1st Platoon as a Gunner. His job is crucial to his platoon's success as he is the first person to assess a situation and return fire from the truck while on patrol. The members of his vehicle depend on his situational awareness and split second decision making skills that have proven to be nothing short of excellent. Adam continues to dominate from his turret as his platoon continues to conduct patrols in an ever-changing combat environment. Adam would like to say "Hello to my parents Bryan and Sue, my sister Hilary, my twin brother Aaron, and also my girlfriend Brittany. I am doing fine and I miss all you guys and love you very much. I can't wait to see everyone again. I'd also like to thank everyone for your support and encouragement. Your letters and packages are arriving and I appreciate it." Adam's twin brother is also in the Army and stationed at Ft. Campbell, so please extend your thoughts and prayers for him.



SPC James Conroy

James comes to us from Cincinnati, OH where he was born and raised. He just celebrated his birthday on the 16th of November, so Happy Belated Birthday to him as well. James came to the Rakkasans back in 2003 and deployed in support of OIF I with Delta Company. Now on his second deployment, James is assigned to 3rd Platoon as a Gunner. During combat operations, James is entrusted with the power to make split second decisions which may effect the entire area of operation. While out on patrol or back resting on the compound, James devotes the majority of his time to bettering himself as a Soldier as well as other Soldiers around. His infectious positive attitude and happy go lucky lifestyle keeps his platoon in good spirits at all times. James has a unique ability when it comes to being a Soldier. When it is time to perform he does so flawlessly, and when it is time to relax, he becomes the morale representative. His attitude and performance have been nothing short of excellent and he sets the standards for what I envision all Dragon Soldiers to meet. He would like to take the time to say, "I'm single and looking for a pen pal (female only). All joking aside, hello to my parents James and Jean, my sisters Jennifer, Jessica, and Janine, and my brother Jeff. I would also like to say hello to my grandparents James and Mary Conroy. Thanks to everyone for your continued support. The packages and letters are rolling in, but I am going to keep my eyes peeled for that pen pal. Looking forward to seeing everyone again soon."



SPC Christopher Riley

Christopher comes to us from Dorchester, MA where he was born and raised. He will be turning 22 years old in June 06'. Christopher came to the Rakkasans in March of 2004. This is his first deployment and so far he has been performing at the level of an experienced combat veteran. He is assigned to 2nd Platoon as a Gunner and the platoon armorer. Christopher has continually provided his platoon with critical analysis of situational conditions that propose themselves to his platoon on an everyday basis. During combat patrols, Christopher provides crucial insight to the upcoming situation on the ground as he has the first and best vantage point during all movements. When Christopher is not on patrol, he is back inside the perimeter continually trying to better himself as a soldier. Whether it is constant weapons maintenance or simple PCIs, Christopher exhibits a will to prepare for upcoming operations that sets the standard for all Dragon Company soldiers to follow. Aside from all the Army stuff, Christopher assumes the role of the Platoon Morale Soldier as he always keeps his platoon in high spirits. His unique ability to make anyone smile at any given time is just one of his other attributes that set him ahead of his peers. Christopher would like to say, "Hello to my mom Kathy, my dad Jerry, my brothers Joey and Jerome, my sisters Laura-Lee and Shana-Lee, and most of all my wife Sarah. I appreciate all the support you guys have been giving me during this deployment. I have been receiving all the mail and I want to thank everyone for taking the time to write and send packages. I can't wait to see everyone when I get to take mid-tour leave. I love you guys."



Hairrell and 1SG Ayala



CPT Myres, 1SG Ayala



Cormier, Samules, Davis, Moura



Thanksgiving Dinner



**SGT Moura, SGT Cormier,
SGT Samules, SGT Davis**



SGT Cormier, SGT Samules



LT Chaffin, Perez



PVT Baker



SGT Samules, PVT Gabriel, SPC Perez



Gasper



1LT Kirschner, CPT Myres



SGT Moura, PFC Phillips



SGT Davis, SGT Cormier